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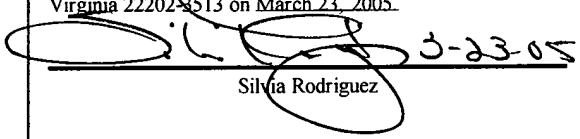
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Silvia Rodriguez**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is submitted in Response to the First Office Action mailed September 23, 2004. A three (3) month extension of time has been submitted to extend the deadline for response through March 23, 2005.

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(i)-(ii), please delete the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 27 and continuing through page 9, line 18 and replace it with the following paragraph, which includes markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph: